

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on general revenue financing of Social Security, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Edward M. Gramlich, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, on behalf of the 1994–1996 Quadrennial Advisory Council on Social Security; David S. Koitz, Legislative Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Robert Greenstein, Center on

Budget and Policy Priorities, and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 630–659; 1 private bill, H.R. 660; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 25–28, H. Con. Res. 26, and H. Res. 45–49 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 42, providing for consideration of H.R. 391, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses (H. Rept. 106–13);

H. Res. 43, providing for consideration of H.R. 436, to reduce waste, fraud, and error in Government programs by making improvements with respect to Federal management and debt collection practices, Federal payment systems, Federal benefit programs (H. Rept. 106–14);

H. Res. 44, providing for consideration of H.R. 437, to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President (H. Rept. 106–15).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Sweeney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Drug Control Strategy: Message wherein he transmits his 1999 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Armed Services, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform, International Relations, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, and Ways and Means; and

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Agreement Between the United States and Romania re Nuclear Energy: Message wherein he transmits his proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and Romania concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–13).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 5:16 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following bills:

Packers and Stockyards Act: H.R. 169, amended, to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to expand the pilot investigation for the collection of information regarding prices paid for the procurement of cattle and sheep for slaughter and of muscle cuts of beef and lamb to include swine and muscle cuts of swine;

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Microloan Program Corrections: H.R. 440, amended, to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 411 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 12);

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Paperwork Elimination Act of 1999: H.R. 439, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 13); and

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Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act: H.R. 435, to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 14).

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In Memory of R. Scott Bates: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 6, that as a mark of respect to the

memory of R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk of the United States Senate, all flags of the United States located on Capitol Buildings or on the Capitol grounds shall be flown at half-staff on the day of his interment.

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Authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia: The House passed H.R. 433, to restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H483.

Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H539–40.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H524–25, H525, and H525–26. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFRICA—AMERICA'S STAKE IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on America's stake in trade and investment in Africa. Testimony was heard from Rosa Whitaker, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Africa, and public witnesses.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Resources Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; Larry Payne, Assistant Deputy State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 391, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1999. The rule waives section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or contract authority for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that fiscal year has been agreed to) against the consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one

motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton and Representatives Horn, McIntosh, Kucinich and Turner.

PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 437, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1999. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton and Representatives Horn, McIntosh, Kucinich and Turner.

GOVERNMENT WASTE, FRAUD AND ERROR REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 436, Government Waste, Fraud and Error Reduction Act of 1999. The rule waives section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or contract authority for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that fiscal year has been agreed to) against the consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton and Representatives Horn, McIntosh, Kucinich and Turner.

COMMITTEE BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT PLANS

Committee on Rules: Committee approved its budget for 1999 and 2000 and adopted its Oversight plans for the 106th Congress.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on United States Trade Agreements compliance focusing on international